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Transcript of Pat Keniston Interview

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Ms. Howe: This is Christine Howe, today is Friday, December 11, 2009.
I am here at the Plymouth District Courthouse. Present with me is Yvonne McAllister from the Court Administrator's Office of Concord, New Hampshire. Also present is Pat Keniston – did I pronounce your name correctly Pat?

Ms. Keniston: You did- thank you.

Ms. Howe: And ah, Pat, would you just for the record acknowledge for the record that you understand this conversation is being tape-recorded?

Ms. Keniston: I do understand – I see the tape-recorder.

Ms. Howe: Thank you. Um, as I indicated Pat, before we went on the records is that, I am here at the request of the Court

Administrator to do an independent fact-finding investigation and the allegations that have come in, do not name you as a possible person who has done anything wrong but merely as a possible witness who might have witnessed some of the behaviors which is an issue here. So, first if you can help me out a little bit, Pat, what position do you have here at the New Hampshire courts?

Ms. Keniston: I am a court systems clerk with the district court.

Ms. Howe: And what, what does that mean?

Ms. Keniston: I am assigned monthly to cover um courts that either have a vacancy in the clerk or the staff or someone's out on leave.

Ms. Howe: So, are you like a traveling expert?

Ms. Keniston: Well, I don't know about the expert, but I travel.

Ms. Howe: Okay, which courts do you most often get assigned to?

Ms. Keniston: Recently with the budget issues, I've been Franklin, Laconia, Littleton, Plymouth, prior to that I was all over the state. The only court in New Hampshire I've not been in is Plaistow.

Ms. Howe: Plaistow?

Ms. Keniston: Affirmative response

Ms. Howe: Okay. And how long have you worked for the courts Pat?

Ms. Keniston: Nine years

Ms. Howe: And who is your direct supervisor?